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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The June 2, 2004 Office Action has rejected all pending claims, except for claim 18, under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claim 18 is allowable.

While neither agreeing nor acquiescing with the Examiner's § 112 rejections, Applicants have cancelled all pending claims except for claim 18. Applicants do this in the interest of speedy allowance and note that they affirmatively mean to address the Examiner's specific arguments in continuation or continuation-in-part applications.

Applicants request the allowance of claim 18.

No fee is believed necessary to enter this response. However, if any fees are necessary, please charge Deposit Account 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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